(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**VRS for civil servants**

1110. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated to provide for voluntary retirement system for senior civil servants, based on mid-career screening, as part of the continuing administrative reforms in the Central services;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of its implementation; and

(c) the details of other such schemes/measures being implemented for a more responsive and efficient administrative set up in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No specific proposal is at present under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Provisions exist under Fundamental Rule 56(j) and Rule 48 of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 for premature retirement of Government servants in public interest with a view to improving efficiency and strengthening administrative set up at all levels.

**Revision of pay scale**

†1111. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to revise the pay scales of Section Officers and Assistants belonging to Central Secretariat Service;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard so far;

(c) whether the Minister of Finance has declined to accede to it despite instructions from P.M. Office in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.